Minutes
Human Services Commission
Thursday, October 28, 2004
5:00 P.M.
Family Advocacy Center
10225 E. Via Linda
Scottsdale, AZ 85258

Present: Chair Fausel, Vice-Chair Bachmann, Commissioners Berg, Hemmingsen, Reid

and Resnick

Absent: Commissioner Coudroglou

Staff Present: Connie James, Phil Hershkowitz

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Fausel called the meeting to order at 5:10 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Resnick moved for approval of the October 14, 2004 meeting minutes; Commissioner Berg seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE HUMAN SERVICES ISSUES REPORT

The Human Services Commission reviewed the final document, packet and transmittal memo for City Council.

Commissioner Resnick moved to approve the Human Services Issues Report and forward to City Council. Commissioner Hemmingsen seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Resnick moved to approve the transmittal memo for City Council. Vice-Chair Bachmann seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION ON THE FAMILY ADVOCACY CENTER

Detective Kim Miller gave a brief presentation and update on the Family Advocacy Center.

TOUR OF THE FAMILY ADVOCACY CENTER

Detective Kim Miller gave the Human Services Commission an informational tour of the center.

Commissioner Berg asked how many detectives were at the Family Advocacy Center. Det. Miller replied that there are three domestic violence detectives, five to seven sex crime detectives and two computer crimes detectives.

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Commissioner Reid asked how many families the center saw last year. Det. Miller said that they don't count families, but there were 1,500 domestic violence cases and 450 sex crimes.

Commissioner Bachmann asked about the audio/video taped interview rooms and if those tapes could be used in lieu of a child testifying in court. Det. Miller said, yes, and children can testify remotely as well.

Commissioner Berg asked if there was training for the police regarding the computer crimes. Det. Miller said yes, all detectives are police officers before they specialize. Det. Miller added that the Internet Crimes department also works with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and the Internet Crimes Against Children.

Vice-chair Bachmann asked why the Adult Probation office was at the center. Det. Miller said that office is for domestic violence offenders.

Commissioner Hemmingsen asked if the center is open 24 hours per day. Det. Miller said no, but there are two detectives on call for one week 24-7 and they rotate the call duty.

Commission Reid asked what the square footage of the building was. Det. Miller said she didn't know. NOTE: A review of the original presentation revealed that the square footage of the building is 15,476.

STAFF AND COMMISSION UPDATES

Ms. James reminded commission that the next meeting is on November 11, 2004 at 5:00 PM in the City Hall Kiva. At that meeting Deputy City Manager, Ed Gawf, will give an update of the Revitalization Program in Scottsdale and Jan Cameron, Human Services Manager – Via Linda Senior Center will give a presentation of the elderly revitalization program. Rita Koppinger, Human Services Manager – Vista del Camino and staff will update the commission on holiday programs and Paul Ludwick, Human Services Manager will provide the commission with the input he received regarding the human services needs of the commission for the Consolidated Plan.

Commissioner Resnick discussed the tremendous job by the Via Linda Senior Center and the Civic Center Senior Center in obtaining flu shots for seniors. He remarked that staff organized and followed up with all seniors who had appointments and did everything they could to provide flu shots. Ms. James added that the "Herculean" efforts of Dawn Cagan were instrumental in providing seniors with flu shots. Ms. James indicated that she forwarded the great job done by the Senior Centers on the flu shots to the City Council.

OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Chairwoman Fausel made an open call to the public for comments/questions/announcements or other business. There were no replies.

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ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be brought before the commission, Chairwoman Fausel asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hemmingsen moved to adjourn the meeting and Vice-chair Bachmann seconded. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Beth Hollmann, Recording Secretary.

Meets established criteria.

Connie James Director, Human Services